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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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GROUP 1764"

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHIN-ICHI SHIMIZU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: GRIFFIN, W  
SERIAL NO: 09/926,550 :  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application on the basis of the following discussions:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.